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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2005.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6-8 and 10-14 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6-8 and 10-14 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This Action is in response to Request for Continuation Examination (RCE) filed December 27, 2005. Claims 2-3, 5, 9, and 15-16 have been cancelled as requested by Applicant. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-14 are presented for further examination.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –  
(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Klug et al. (hereinafter "Klug", US 6,823,327 B1).

As per claim 1, Klug discloses a method for responding to access to a service provider site for providing contents via a communication network in which the service provider site transmits, when an access request is made on a screen of an affiliation site from a requesting terminal of the affiliation site affiliated with the service provider site, contents of the service provider site to the requesting terminal, the method comprising:

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- Storing user verification data and an identifier of the affiliation site, which is affiliated with the service provider site, both in the affiliated site and in the service provider site (column 5, lines 14-17, 35-40, column 10, lines 7-10, 20-23);
- Transmitting an access request from the affiliation site to the service provider site with the identifier of the affiliation site when the affiliation site receives an access request from the requesting terminal (column 5, lines 20-35, column 10, lines 17-26);
- Determining, by the service provider site, whether the access request made via the affiliation site based on whether the access request includes the identifier of the affiliation site (column 10, lines 26-36);
- Changing, by the service provider site, a part of the contents to be transmitted to the requesting terminal to predetermined information corresponding to the affiliation site when the access request is made via the affiliation site (column 11, lines 6-25);
- Transmitting, by the service provider site, the contents including predetermined information the requesting terminal to and waiting for a user verification request from the requesting terminal before starting service provision (column 11, lines 40-50, 65-67, column 12, lines 1-5, column 14, lines 30-35);
- Storing user information of the requesting terminal relating to the service provision into a session control table relating to the affiliation site (column 12, lines 15-18, 39-42).

As per claim 4, Klug discloses:

- Accumulating a service usage time of the service provider site when the access request is made via the affiliation site (column 1, lines 38-45).
- Determining a charge based on the accumulated service usage time every predetermined period of time and conducting a charging procedure an enterprise of specific site (column 1, lines 38-45).

As per claim 6, Klug discloses a service information providing method in which a service provider site provides via a communication network to a user terminal of an affiliation site affiliated with the service provider site, a service item corresponding to an access request from the user terminal on a screen of the affiliation site, the access request including an identifier of the affiliation site, the method comprising the step of:

- Storing an identifier of the affiliation site affiliated with the service provider site both in the service provider site and in the affiliation site (column 5, lines 14-17, 35-40, column 10, lines 7-10, 20-23);
- Providing, by the service provider site, to the user terminal a predetermined content corresponding to the service item in response to the access request on a screen of the affiliation site (column 11, lines 6-25);
- Receiving, by the service provider site, response information relating to the provided content from the user terminal via the communication network and determining whether the access request is transmitted from the affiliation site based on whether the access request includes the identifier of the affiliation site

when a predetermined processing is to be performed with regard to the response information (column 10, lines 26-36);

- Performing, by the service provider site, the predetermined processing based on a result of the determination (column 11, lines 40-50, 65-67, column 12, lines 1-5, column 14, lines 30-35).

As per claim 7, Klug discloses wherein said predetermined processing is a processing for preparing an electronic mail in response to the response information and transmitting the mail via the communication network to another terminal which different from the user terminal, the electronic mail being transmitted to a terminal belonging to the one of the affiliation sites when the response information transmitted from one of the affiliation sites and to a terminal belonging the service provider site when the response information is not transmitted from the one of the affiliation sites (col. 12, lines 1-5, column 15, lines 43-46).

As per claim 8, Klug discloses an article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for responding to access to a service provider site providing contents via a communication network in which the service provider site transmits, when an access request is made on a screen of an affiliation site from a requesting terminal of an affiliation site affiliated with the service provider site, contents of the service provider site to the requesting terminal, the computer readable program code means comprising:

- Computer readable program code means for storing user verification data and an identifier of the affiliation site, which is affiliated with the service provider site, both in the affiliation site and in the service provider site (column 5, lines 14-17, 35-40, column 10, lines 7-10, 20-23);
- Computer readable program code means for transmitting an access request from the affiliated site to the service provider site with an identifier of the affiliation site when the affiliation site receives an access request from the requesting terminal (column 5, lines 20-35, column 10, lines 17-26);
- Computer readable program code for determining, by the service provider site, whether the access request made via a one of the affiliation sites based on whether the access request includes the identifier of the one of the affiliation sites (column 10, lines 26-36);
- Computer readable program code means for changing, by the service provider site, a part of the contents to be transmitted to the requesting terminal to predetermined information corresponding to the affiliation site when the access request is made via affiliation site (column 11, lines 6-25);
- Computer readable program code means for transmitting, by the service provider site, the contents including predetermined information the requesting terminal and waiting for a user verification request from the requesting terminal before starting service provision (column 11, lines 40-50, 65-67, column 12, lines 1-5, column 14, lines 30-35);

- Computer readable program code means for storing, by the service provider site, user information of the requesting terminal relating to the service provision into a session control table relating to the affiliation site (column 12, lines 15-18, 39-42).

As per claim 10, Klug disclose an article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for providing by a service provider site to a user terminal of an affiliation site affiliated with the service provider site via a communication network service item corresponding to an access request form the user terminal on a screen of the affiliation site, the access request including an identifier of the affiliation site, the computer readable program code means comprising:

- Computer readable program code means for storing an identifier of the affiliation site affiliated with the service provider site both in the affiliation site and in the service provider site (column 5, lines 14-17, 35-40, column 10, lines 7-10, 20-23);
- Computer readable program code means for providing, by the service provider site, to the user terminal a predetermined content corresponding to a service item designated by the user terminal (column 11, lines 6-25);
- Computer readable program code means for receiving, by the service provider site, response information relating to the provided content from the user terminal via the communication network and determining whether the access



request is transmitted from the affiliation site based on whether the access request includes the identifier of the affiliation site when a predetermined processing is to be performed with regard to the response information (column 10, lines 26-36);

- Computer readable program code means for performing, by the service provider site, the predetermined processing based on a result of the determination (column 11, lines 40-50, 65-67, column 12, lines 1-5, column 14, lines 30-35).

As per claim 11, Klug discloses a method of providing a home page of a service provider site and a home page of an affiliation site affiliated with the service provider via a communication network, when an access request is made on a screen of the affiliation site from a requesting terminal of the affiliation site affiliated with the service provider site, the method comprising:

- Storing an identifier of the affiliation site affiliated with the service provider site both in the affiliation site and in the service provider site (column 5, lines 14-17, 35-40, column 10, lines 7-10, 20-23);
- Receiving, by the affiliation site, the request for the home page of the service provider from a user of the affiliation site (column 5, lines 26-35);
- Transferring, by the affiliation site, the request for the homepage of the service provider to the service provider site with an identifier of the affiliation site (column 5, lines 20-35, column 10, lines 17-26);

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- Transmitting a home page to the user by the service provider site with the user is a member of the affiliation site (column 5, lines 60-67).

As per claim 12, Klug discloses the method according to claim 11:

- Wherein the service provider site receives the request with an identifier indicating that the user is a member of the affiliation site and determines whether the user is a member of the affiliation site based on the identifier (column 5, lines 20-50).

As per claim 13, Klug further discloses the method according to claim 12:

- Wherein the service provider site modifies the home page of the service provider site based on the identifier of the affiliation site when it is determined that the user is a member of the affiliation site (column 11, lines 6-25).

As per claim 14, Klug discloses the method according to claim 12:

- Wherein the service provider sites updates charging information for the user and charges the affiliation site when it is determined that the user is a member of the affiliation (column 1, lines 40-45).

**Conclusion**

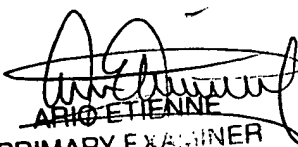
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